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You will find attached a portion of the French  
CE Bulletin No. 38. (our FPX-005-409) dated 4 April  
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### SOME ACTIVITIES OF THE ABWEHRMARINE

Information from Allied sources and recent interrogations throw some additional light on the activity of the Abwehr Naval posts. It is not a question here of complete information but rather of certain notes which cannot yet be made entirely clear.

#### 1. MARINE ABWEHR AUSSENSTELLEN

A lieutenant who from 1940 to 1944 was in the service of the Abwehrmarine has given certain information about the Abwehr Ausstenstellen under SCHUCHMANN. One of these is located at Le Havre in rue Monjoli and at 36 av. Albert Premier; another is located at Arcachon in the Villa St. Arnould. At this latter post powerful radio transmitters had direct contact with Berlin, Hamburg, and Paris.

SCHUCHMANN himself is well-known. He was born 12 June 1898 in Bremen, being a member of the firm Wilhelm and Hermann SCHUCHMANN of Hamburg. He has often used the alias of SCHUCH. He came to France in June 1940 with a mobile unit of Naval Intelligence at Bremen, which established posts all along the Channel Coast and the Atlantic, and in December of the same year he became Chief of the I-M section at Le Havre. Subsequently his name was associated with a large number of undertakings of the I-M Section in Brest, Lorient, and even in Spain.

The source of this information indicates that there were six ships of yachts under SCHUCHMANN's control. Their primary function was to do liaison work, notably in the transportation of agents. In the second place, they kept watch over the fishing boats, were concerned with the transportation of wolfram from Spain, and used to send reports on weather conditions. It should be pointed out that a station of this type existed in Vigo in Spain and that the transportation of agents was attempted in vedettes which permitted liaison among these Abwehrmarine posts and the K.D.H.

#### 2. The K.D.H.

Established in 1944, the K.D.H. or kommando der Kleinkampfverbände took the place of the M.E.A. (Marine Einsatzabteilung). The functions of the K.D.H. are varied and obscure. Presumably by use of its rapid vedettes or even with the use of secret weapons, it carried on a type of

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Naval guerilla warfare. The mobile units of the M.E.K., which were formerly under Abt. I-M of the Abwehr, came under the control of the K.D.K. One of their functions at the time of the German advance was to seize documents in Naval headquarters which their custodians had not had the time to destroy. Transportation and abduction of agents were also among the duties of the M.E.K. This was the case with a vendetta which was captured off the Corsican Coast in July 1944, which was flying a British flag and had been sent out by M.E.K. 71 at Toulon.

It is impossible to state with certainty whether the posts under SCHUCMANN and the K.D.K., formerly M.E.K., handled the same kind of activity and whether they are the same. Their apparent differences may well come from their extreme mobility and the necessity for adaptation.

### 3. NAVY GUERILLA FORAGE

Among the functions of the Abwehrmarine officers, there is, of course, harbor defense, and protection of coastal or occupied territory against all sorts of enemy activity. These are the duties of the group of agents recruited by Lieutenants KUTHE and GLASER at La Rochelle post and who have been arrested since the liberation of France.

Except for the lessening of activity brought about by the diminution of coastal areas controlled by the Reich, it does not appear that the functions of the Abwehrmarine have undergone notable changes. At present it is under the control of the Militärisches Amt of the RSHA but the special qualifications of its members give it perhaps an independence which other Abwehr officers do not have.

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